**Payment of Productivity-Linked Bonus to the Port and Dock Workers**

1062. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any settlement was signed with the Port and Dock Workers' Federations for the payment of Productivity-linked bonus/ incentive schemes under Sec. 12(3) of Industrial Disputes Act, in the recent past;

(b) whether it is a fact that this agreement has not been implemented so far; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A settlement has been signed by the Port Management with the Port and Dock Workers' Federations for payment of Productivity Linked Incentive under a new scheme on 8.2.1996. This Settlement has been signed under Section 12(3) of Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, and is subject to the approval of the Government. The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

**Production of Vijayanta Tanks**

1063. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Army is considerably handicapped because of short supply of the indigenous Vijayanta Tanks;

(b) if so, the overall annual production of Vijayanta Tanks as against the target stating the reasons for shortfall in the production of tanks; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to meet the deficiency in arming the army with these tanks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI tt V. N. SOMU) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Production of Vijayanta Tanks was stopped in 1986. These are being phased out from Service and being replaced by indigenously manufactured T- 72 tanks.

**रोहतांग दर्रे पर सुरंग का निमार्ण**

1064. श्री महेश्वर सिंह: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में लाहौल-स्पीति के जनजातीय क्षेत्र को देश के बाकी भागों से जोड़ने के उद्देश्य से रोहतांग पास पर बनाई जा रही सुरंग की अद्यतन स्थिति क्या है;

(ख) इस पर अब तक कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है तथा अब तक कितनी सुरंग बनाई गई है; और

(ग) इस सुरंग के सर्वेक्षण तथा व्यवहार्यता, (फिजिबिलिटी) संबंधी प्रतिवेदन प्राप्त करने पर कुल कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन. वी. एन. सोमू): (क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में रोहतांग दर्रे पर किसी सुरंग का निर्माण नहीं किया जा रहा है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) व्यवहार्यता संबंधी अध्ययन के संबंध में 462.46 लाख रुपये व्यय किए जा चुके हैं।

**Central Grants to set up Spinning Mills in States**

1065. SMT. JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the grants given by the Central Government for setting up spinning mills in the States;

(b) whether the Central Government propose to revise the existing pattern for giving loan to the spinning mills;

(c) if so, the steps taken in that direction;

(d) the fund proposed to be allocated during 1996-97 to different States to set up and expand the spinning mills; and

(e) the measures drafted for the modernisation of the spinning mills?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA): (a) The Central Government does not provide any grant for setting up of spinning mills in the States.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) The All India Financial Institutions like Industrial Development Bank of India. Industrial Finance Corporation of India, Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation

of India etc. provide term loans for modernisation/expansion of existing mills. In addition, the National Cooperative Development Corporation provides loans for consolidation 'of spindleage created in co-operative sector *i.e.* modernisation on priority basis and expansion on selective basis of existing Cotton Growers and Handloom Weavers Cooperative Spinning Mills.

**Issuance of Licences for Setting up Industries in Telecom Sector**

1066. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has issued thirteen licences for companies all of whom have sought venture with foreign companies in telecom;

(b) if so, the names of the companies that were issued the licences;

(c) how many of them have foreign tie- ups; and

(d) by when they are likely to set up the industries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS **(SHRI BENI** PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) 35 Licences and 7 Letters of Intent have been issued to Indian companies for provision of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service on franchise basis Letters of Intent have also been issued to seven Indian companies for ten Telecom Circles for providing Basic Telephone Service. All companies have foreign tie-ups. The names of the companies and their foreign partners are given in statement *(see* below).

(d) Cellular Mobile Telephone Service has already started in the four metro cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Madras. In respect of 18 telecom Circles the Cellular Mobile Service is likely to commence during 1996-97 & 1997-98.

**Statement**

*Licencees for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service*

Metro Cities

**A.**

| Metro City | Names of the Licencees | Name of the foreign Partner(s) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Bombay | (a) BPL Systems & Projects Ltd. | i) M/s France Telecom<br>ii) M/s LCC Inc. USA |
| | (b) Hutchison Max Telecom | Hutchison Telecom (India) Ltd., Mauritius. |
| 2. Calcutta | (a) Modi Telstra Pvt. Ltd. | M/s Telstra, AustraliaTelecom |
| | (b) Usha Martin Telecom Ltd. | Malaysia Bhd., Malaysia |
| 3* Delhi | (a) Bharti Cellular Ltd. | i) M/s General Mobile, UK<br>ii) M/s EMTEK Ltd., Mauritius<br>iii) M/s Mobile Systems International, UK |
| | (b) Sterling Cellur Ltd. | i) M/s Cellular Comm.<br>ii) International Inc., Mauritius<br>iii) Swiss PT, Switzerland<br>OCBs/NRIs |
| 4. Madras | (a) RPG Cellular Services Ltd. | i) Cellfone Ltd., Mauritius<br>ii) Airtouch International<br>iii) (Mauritius), Ltd., Mauritius<br>iv) Itochu Corp., Japan<br>Mitsubishi Corp., Japan |
| | (b) Skycell Communications Pvt. Ltd. | i) Bell South Int. (Asia/Pacific) Inc., USA<br>ii) Milicon Intl. Cellular, SA |